

Subpart F—Income Limits, Annual Income, Adjusted Income, Rent, and Examinations for the Public Housing and Section 8 Programs

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§ 5.601 Purpose and applicability.

(a) This subpart establishes definitions and requirements concerning income limits for admission, annual income, adjusted income, total tenant payment, utility allowances and reimbursements, and reexamination of income and family composition for:

(1) HUD's public housing programs, including its public housing homeownership programs.

(2) Housing assisted under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (the 1937 Act) (42 U.S.C. 1437f).

(i) Section 5.613 (Total tenant payment) and the definitions of "*tenant rent*" and "*total tenant payment*" found in § 5.603 do not apply to the Section 8 Rental Voucher Program.

(ii) Section 5.615 (Utility reimbursement) and the definition of *utility reimbursement* found in § 5.603 also do not apply to the Section 8 Rental Voucher Program. For the Voucher Program, in cases where the amount of the HAP payment exceeds the rent to owner, the excess will be paid to the family.

(iii) Section 5.607 (Income limits for admission) does not apply to the Section 8 Rental Voucher and Rental Certificate Programs.

(3) Applicants and tenants assisted under sections 10(c) and 23 of the 1937 Act as in effect before amendment by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 1410 and 1421b (1970 ed.)).

(b) This subpart does not apply to HUD's Indian housing programs. The analogous rule that applies to Indian housing is located at 24 CFR part 950.

§ 5.603 Definitions.

As used in this subpart:

(a) The terms *elderly person*, *low-income family*, *person with disabilities*, *State*, and *very low-income family* are de-

fined in section 3(b) of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

(b) The terms *1937 Act* and *public housing agency (PHA)* are defined in § 5.100.

(c) The terms *disabled family*, *elderly family*, *family*, and *live-in aide* are defined in § 5.403.

(d) The following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

Adjusted income. See § 5.611.

Annual income. See § 5.609.

Child care expenses. Amounts anticipated to be paid by the family for the care of children under 13 years of age during the period for which annual income is computed, but only where such care is necessary to enable a family member to actively seek employment, be gainfully employed, or to further his or her education and only to the extent such amounts are not reimbursed. The amount deducted shall reflect reasonable charges for child care. In the case of child care necessary to permit employment, the amount deducted shall not exceed the amount of employment income that is included in annual income.

Dependent. A member of the family (except foster children and foster adults) other than the family head or spouse, who is under 18 years of age, or is a person with a disability, or is a full-time student.

Disability assistance expenses. Reasonable expenses that are anticipated, during the period for which annual income is computed, for attendant care and auxiliary apparatus for a disabled family member and that are necessary to enable a family member (including the disabled member) to be employed, provided that the expenses are neither paid to a member of the family nor reimbursed by an outside source.

Full-time student. A person who is carrying a subject load that is considered full-time for day students under the standards and practices of the educational institution attended. An educational institution includes a vocational school with a diploma or certificate program, as well as an institution offering a college degree.

Medical expenses. Medical expenses, including medical insurance premiums, that are anticipated during the period